

Memo to file

December 30, 2003

From: Peter E. Kurtze
Administrator, Evaluation and Registration

Re: M: 28-7-1
Miller House

The property documented in the following Addendum Sheet has not been formally evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The comments in the text are those of the preparer of the documentation. The State Historic Preservation Officer has neither concurred nor disagreed with those comments.

Property Address	18000 New Hampshire Avenue, Ashton, Montgomery County
Owner Name/Address	David and Y.S. Taylor / 18000 New Hampshire Avenue, Ashton, MD 20861
Year Built	1918

Description:

The Miller House was previously surveyed by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission in 1983. Since the prior survey, Francis Miller, the original owner, has died. The property was sold for the first time in 1986 to Davis and Yuko S. Taylor. Few alterations have been made to the house since the last survey. The Miller House is a 2½-story, 2-bay Craftsman-style house on the west side of New Hampshire Avenue in Ashton, Montgomery County. Constructed in 1918, the building has a front-gable roof, with 1-story shed roof additions on the north and south elevations and an enclosed hipped roof porch on the rear elevation. The house, also known as Wanstead, was the first mail order house to be built in the Sandy Spring area. The Aladdin Company-designed ready-cut house was shipped to the site and assembled by T.H. Karn, a contractor from Rockville. The building is of wood-frame construction with a stone foundation and a wood shingle exterior. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has wide overhanging eaves, open cornices and exposed rafter ends. The windows are wood 9/1 and 6/1 double-hung and a brick exterior chimney is located on the south elevation.

The east, or front facade has an entry porch at the northeast corner. The wood porch rests on brick piers and has a wood railing. Above the entry is a front-gable roof supported by three wood knee-braces. The glass front door has a Prairie-style light configuration. The door is flanked by sidelights, also with a Prairie-style light configuration. The first story has a triple 9/1 double-hung window. The second story has two pairs of 9/1 double-hung windows and a 6-light casement window. The attic level of the gable end has a pair of 6/1 double-hung window. The east elevation of the 1-story south addition has a triple 9/1 double-hung window. The east elevation has a concrete block foundation. The triple 9/1 double-hung window on the front elevation of the addition are original windows which were reused when the addition was constructed circa 1930. The remaining windows on the addition are 6/6 double-hung. The east elevation of the north addition has a 6/6 double-hung window. The north addition has a stone foundation and 8/8 and 6/6 double-hung windows.

The south elevation has two 6-light casement windows on the first story. The second story has two 9/1 double-hung windows and a 6-light casement window. The south elevation of the south addition has a triple 6/6 double-hung window. The south elevation of the enclosed rear porch has double vinyl doors.

The rear elevation has a pair of double casement windows with a Prairie-style light configuration and a vinyl round-headed window on the first story. The second story has two 9/1 double-hung windows and a 6/1 double-hung window, while the attic level has a pair of 6/1 double-hung windows. The south addition has a 6-light wood panel door and a 6/6 double-hung window. The north addition has an 8/8 double-hung window. The enclosed porch has a vinyl three-part fixed sash window.

The north elevation has a triple 6-light casement window on the first story of the main block and an enclosed rear porch. A 6/1 double-hung window is located at the transition level between the first and second stories, at an interior staircase landing. The second story has two 9/1 double-hung windows.

There is one outbuilding associated with this property. A garage, constructed in 1918, is located southwest of the house. The wood-frame building has a front-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles, a wood shingle exterior and a concrete slab floor. The garage has a sliding double wood door and a 9/1 double-hung window on the east elevation. The south elevation has a wood door and 9/1 double-hung windows, while the north elevation has a 6-light casement window.

The property is located on the west side of New Hampshire Avenue, with residential property to the north and south and forested land to the west.

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National Register Evaluation:

The Miller House, constructed in 1918, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, as a good example of the Craftsman style. The property possesses excellent architectural integrity, and retains such character-defining features as wood shingle exterior, wood 9/1 double-hung windows, wide overhanging eaves with exposed rafter ends and entrance porch and doorway. The building is a large and elaborate mail order house, one of the earliest in the Sandy Spring area.

The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state, or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. Finally, preliminary studies conducted for this project indicate the need for further assessment of the archaeological potential of this property. Therefore, no evaluation under Criterion D is being conducted at this time.

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The National Register boundaries of the Miller House follow the current property lines of 18000 New Hampshire Avenue (Tax Map JT 342 / Parcel P177). This .8 hectare (2 acre) parcel is bounded on the north and south by open space and residential property, and on the west by forested land. The boundary includes the house and garage, both contributing structures. According to deed research, the property was originally part of an .8 hectare (2 acre) parcel which was purchased by Francis Miller in 1915.

MHT CONCURRENCE:

Eligibility ☐ recommended ☐ not recommended

Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: _____

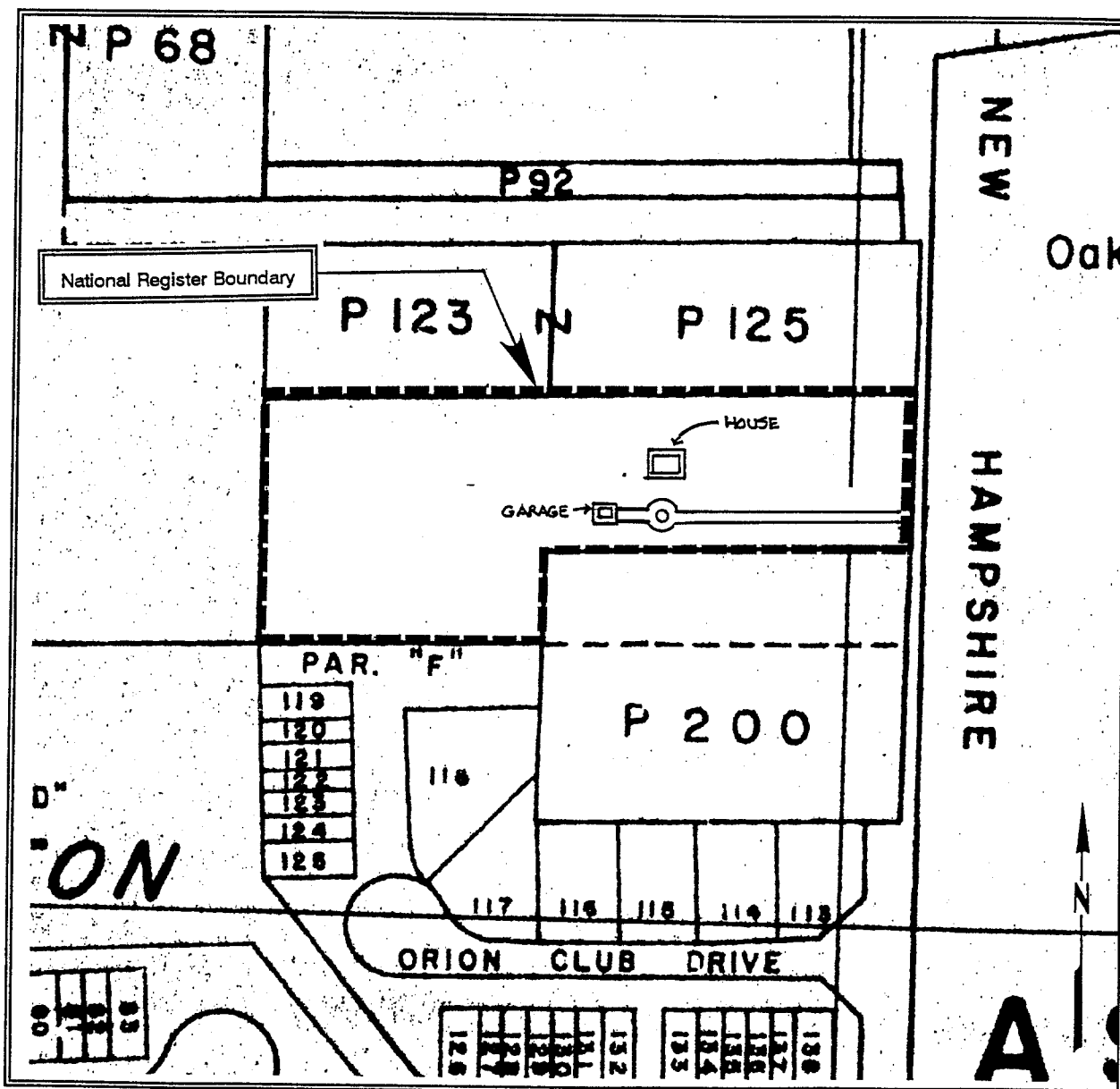
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

Reviewer, NR program

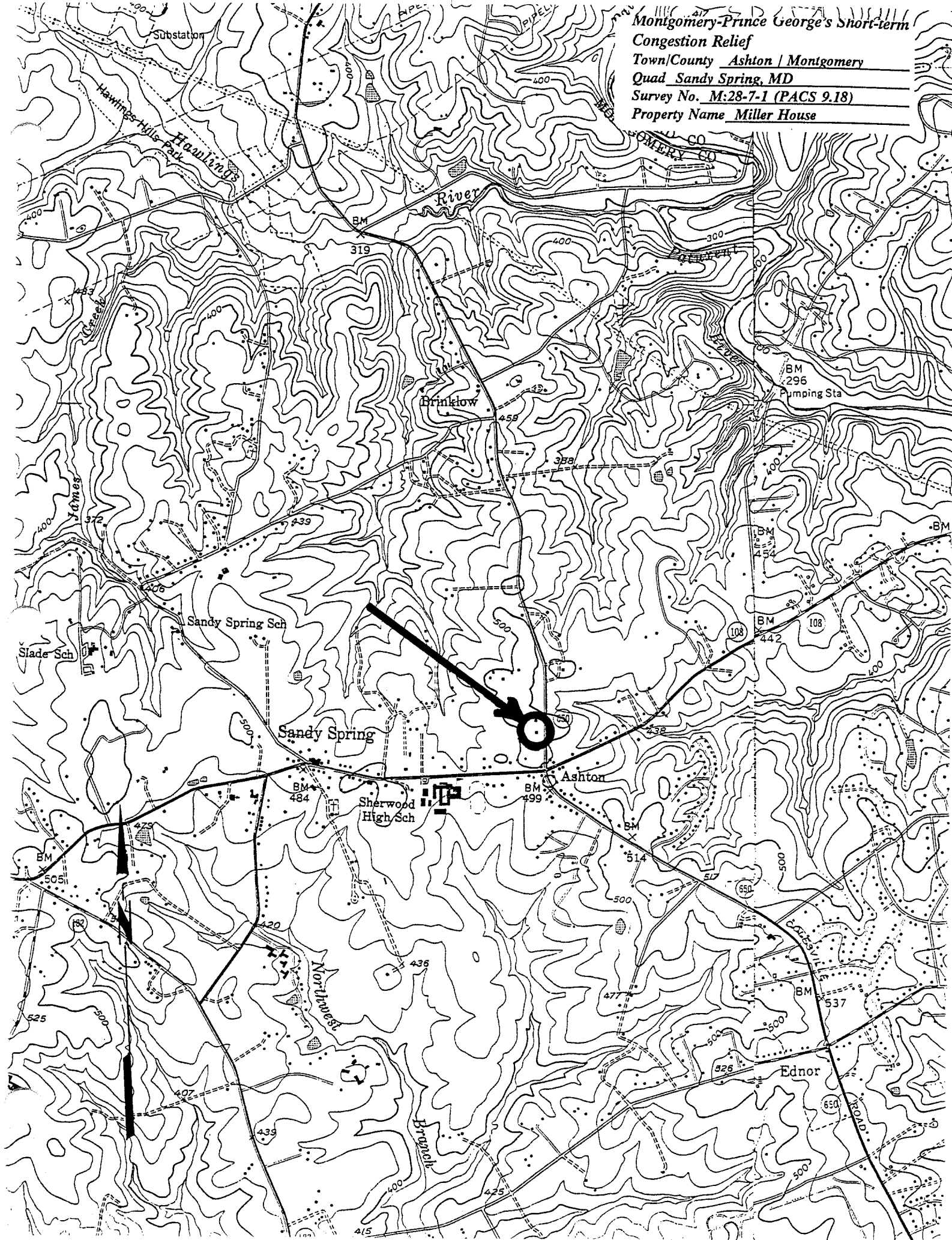
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Resource Sketch Map and National Register Boundary Map:



Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term
Congestion Relief
Town/County Ashton / Montgomery
Quad Sandy Spring, MD
Survey No. M:28-7-1 (PACS 9.18)
Property Name Miller House





M:28-7-1



- 1 M-28 7-1
- 2 Frances Miller Property
- 3 Montgomery Co Md
THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY
- 4 Jim Tamburino
- 5 5/97
- 6 Md SHPO
- 7 18000 New Hampshire Ave, front
- 8 1 of 9

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- 3 Montgomery Co Md
THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY
- 4 Jim Tamburino
- 5 5/97
- 6 Md SHPO
- 7 18000 New Hampshire Ave, SE corner
- 8 2 of 9



M: 28-71



- 1 M. 28-1
- 2 Francis Miller Property
- 3 Montgomery Co. Md
- 4 Jim Tamburine
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md 24PO
- 7 18700 New Hampshire Ave. S. elevation
- 8 3 of 9

- 1 M. 28-7-1
- 2 Francis Miller Property
- 3 Montgomery Co. Md
- 4 Jim Tamburine
- 5 5/1/98
- 6 Md 84PO
- 7 18000 New Hampshire Ave, SW corner
- 8 4 of 9



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1 M: 28-11-1

2 Francis Miller Property

3 Montgomery Co. Md

4 Jim Jamburino

5 5/1/70

6 Md SHPO

7 18000 New Hampshire Ave., Rear elevation

8 5 of 9

1 M: 28-7-1

2 Francis Miller Property

3 Montgomery Co. Md

4 Jim Jamburino

5 5/70

6 Md SHPO

7 18000 New Hampshire Ave. NW corner

8 6 of 9



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- 1 M 28-7-1
- 2 Francis Miller Property
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- 8 7 of 9

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1 R 28 17

2 2 ranch Miller Property

3 Montgomery Co. Md

4 Linn Co. Iowa

5 5/78

6 Md SHPL

7 18000 New Hampshire Ave, Garage

8 9 17 9

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Miller House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 18000 New Hampshire Ave. not for publication

city, town S Ashton vicinity of congressional district 8th

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> </u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u> </u> private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Francis Miller

street & number 18000 New Hampshire Ave. telephone no.: 774-4876

city, town Ashton state and zip code Md.

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 250

street & number folio 160

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 federal state county local

depository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state md.

7. Description

Survey No. M: 28-7-1

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☐ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This is a two story, two bay by three bay frame house covered with cedar shingles. The house, built during the early part of the twentieth century, faces east. It has a slightly overhanging gable roof with the gable end facing front. The front entrance, located to the north side of the facade, is surrounded by side lights and covered by a gabled overhang supported by brackets. The nine over nine light windows are framed with plain wide window trim and appear on the facade as double windows with the exception of a single full-sized window located at the gable end of the roof. A small, square window is located at the center of the second story facade. The house has two brick chimneys, one at the south elevation and the other at the rear elevation. Single story additions, also covered with cedar shingles, are located to either side (north and south) of the main block of the house.

8. Significance

Survey No.

M:28-7-1

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates 1918

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Miller house is significant as an example of early twentieth century vernacular architecture influenced by the shingle and bungalow styles of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The house was built in 1918 for Francis Miller and wife by T.H. Karn, contractor, of Rockville, Md. It was a mail order house from the Aladin Co. and was the first of such houses to be built in the area. The single story wings to either side of the house were later additions.

Francis Miller's house was built on two acres of the "Mt. Airy" farm tract which was owned by Francis' uncle, Benjamin H. Miller, a farmer and a U.S. Indian Inspector for the northwestern portion of the country.² Benjamin conveyed the property to his nephew in April of 1915.³ The Miller family had been long time residents of the Sandy Spring area. They were (and are) Quakers and very active in the community, serving important roles in civic organizations of all types.⁴ Francis worked for the Sandy Spring Savings Institution for sixty-five years, serving for many years as its president. Francis and his wife, after sixty-five years, still reside in the house.

¹Conversation with Francis Miller, 1/83.

²Annals of Sandy Spring Vol. 2, p.177.

" " Vol. 3, p.75.

³Deed 250/160, Mont. Co. Land Records.

⁴Members of the Miller family served as leaders in political, religious, agricultural and educational committees. In addition, Francis' grandparents, Francis and Caroline Miller ran a private boarding school in Sandy spring, Stanmore. They were both involved in the Sandy Spring "Equal Rights Society" against a sex discrimination and Francis' wife, Caroline, was president of "The Women's Suffrage Association of Maryland."

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M-28-7-1

Mont. Co. Land Records
Annals of Sandy Spring
Conversation with Francis Miller

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawfordorganization Mont. Co. Hist. Preservation Comm. date 1/83

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town Rockville state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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COLESVILLE 5.1 MI.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 19 MI.

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Medium-duty	4 LANE 6 LANE	Unimproved dirt

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